(Rs. in crore)

Year	CRF (Central share)	NFCR Assistance	
		sought	released
1997-98	39.58	Nil	Nil
1998-99	41.60	1001.98	59.90
1999-2000	43.37	Nil	Nil

During 2000-2001, Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 15.66 crore has been released to the State. No request for additional assistance has been received from the State Government.

Crisis in egg processing industry

3293. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poultry farmers and egg processing industry is currently in servere crisis with dwindling sales and mounting losses;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to provide export'subsidy to egg processing industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the steps proposed to check the falling egg prices in the domestic market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) and (b) Representations have been received from Poultry Federations that poultry farmers and egg powder exporters are facing dwindling sales. Poultry is a State Subject and egg and poultry products are freely marketed commodities.

(c) and (d) Air freight subsidy is being given on the exports of hatching eggs. The rale of subsidy would be Rs. 6 per kg. or 25% of air freight approved by IATA OR 30% of FOB value whichever is less for exports to West Asia, South East Asia and CIS countries.

(e) The following major steps have been taken to check the falling egg prices:—

1. Financial assistance is provided to NGOs, Cooperatives, Public and Private Sector Organizations for the development of poultry and egg products for domestic and export market.

2. National Egg Coordination Committee is declaring the egg prices.

3. The Government is monitoring the quality aspects of the egg products meant for exports under the Export (Quality Control and Insepection) Act, 1963 through Export Inspection Council of India, for developing the confidence of the foreign buyers in repsect of quality of Indian egg products.

Loss caused due to natural calamities

3294. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the total loss caused to the various States due to natural calamities, heavy rains, landslide and floods during the current year;

(b) if so, the details of estimated loss of crops, human lives and cattle in the country, State-wise;

(c) the details of the financial assistance sought by the States and provided by Government, so far, to provide relief to the affected families; and

(d) the details of the long term measures being implemented/proposed to be formulated to deal with such situations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. State-wise details of damage due to heavy rains and floods during the current monsoon period, as reported by the State Government, are given the Statement *(See* below).

(c) and (d) Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) is released to the State for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. State-wise details of Central share released during 2000-01 are